

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 321.423(7)“b,” the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 133, “White Flashing Light Authorization,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 133 describe the standards for white flashing lights that may be used by emergency medical care providers for identification of vehicles. These proposed amendments update the definitions contained in the rules and add direction to the Department’s Web site for the white light permit form.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before June 18, 2013. Such written comments should be directed to Rebecca Curtiss, Bureau of EMS, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to rebecca.curtiss@idph.iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.423(7).

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend the following definitions in rule **641—133.1(321)**:

“*Ambulance*” means ~~the same ambulance~~ as defined in ~~641 IAC 132.1(147A)~~ 641—132.1(147A).

“*Ambulance service*” means ~~the same ambulance service~~ as defined in ~~641 IAC 132.1(147A)~~ 641—132.1(147A).

“*Emergency medical care provider*” means ~~an individual who has been trained to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care at the first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-intermediate, EMT-paramedic, paramedic specialist or other certification levels recognized by the department before 1984 and who has been issued a certificate by the department~~ emergency medical care provider as defined in 641—131.1(147A).

“*First response vehicle*” means ~~the same first response vehicle~~ as defined in ~~641 IAC 132.1(147A)~~ 641—132.1(147A).

“*Medical director*” means ~~any physician licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148, 150, or 150A who shall be responsible for overall medical direction of the service program and who has completed a medical director workshop, sponsored by the department, within one year of the physician’s assuming duties~~ medical director as defined in 641—132.1(147A).

“*Nontransport service*” means ~~any privately or publicly owned rescue or first response service program which does not provide patient transportation (except when no ambulance is available or in a disaster situation) and utilizes only rescue or first response vehicles to provide emergency medical care at the scene of an emergency~~ nontransport service as defined in 641—132.1(147A).

“*Rescue vehicle*” means ~~the same rescue vehicle~~ as defined in ~~641 IAC 132.1(147A)~~ 641—132.1(147A).

“*Service director*” means ~~an individual who is responsible for the operation and administration of a service program~~ service director as defined in 641—132.1(147A).

“*Service program*” or “*service*” means ~~any medical care ambulance service or nontransport service that has received authorization by the department~~ service program as defined in 641—132.1(147A).

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 133.3(1) as follows:

133.3(1) Authorization certificates (~~provided by the department~~) shall be issued by the service director for service vehicles and vehicles owned by emergency medical care providers who are members in good standing with the service. Authorization certificates are available through the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of EMS, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075, or the bureau of EMS Web site (www.idph.state.ia.us/ems). Vehicle authorization shall be limited to:

a. to d. No change.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 133.3(5) as follows:

133.3(5) The service director shall provide an informational sheet which explains the requirements for use of the white lights to each member who is issued an authorization certificate. The information sheet is available upon request from the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of ~~Emergency Medical Services~~ EMS, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075, or the bureau of EMS Web site (www.idph.state.ia.us/ems).

ITEM 4. Amend ~~641~~—**Chapter 133**, implementation sentence, as follows:

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code ~~sections~~ section 321.423 ~~and 321.428~~.